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In re Application of:

P. Van Voris et al.

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Examiner: Neil Levy

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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR PROTECTION OF WOODEN OBJECTS PROXIMATE

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record.

Applicants respectfully request that note is made of the previously filed related applications to the present invention.

(Application Serial No.)	(Filing Date)	(Status)
08/350,432	December 5, 1994	abandoned
08/050,761	April 20, 1993	abandoned
07/402,122	September 1, 1989	abandoned

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), only copies of the listed documents which were not previously cited by or submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office in the prior applications listed above are enclosed.

In re Appln of Van Verenet al. Serial No. 08/771,467

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97(g), (h), this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted prior to the receipt of a first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits and, hence, is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). Accordingly, no fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. However, should any fees be deemed necessary (except payment of the issue fee), the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or to credit any overpayment to Jenkens & Gilchrist Deposit Account No. 10-0447/47309-00025USC1.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

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